

MEETING SUMMARY
DOWNTOWN BALLARD PARKING WORKGROUP
WALKING TOUR
JUNE 20, 2003
2:00 – 3:30 PM

ATTENDEES

Sue Allegra, All the Kings Flags & Ballard

Chamber

Crystal Carlson, Great Harvest Bread

Company & Ballard Chamber

Scott Clark, Clark Design Group & Ballard

Chamber

Fred Hart, La Tienda

Gary Roraback, Emerald Parking

Bob Derry, Seattle Popular Monorail
Authority

Rob Mattson, Department of Neighborhoods

Cathy Tuttle, Department of Parks &
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Meghan Shepard, Seattle Department of
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Randy Wiger, SDOT

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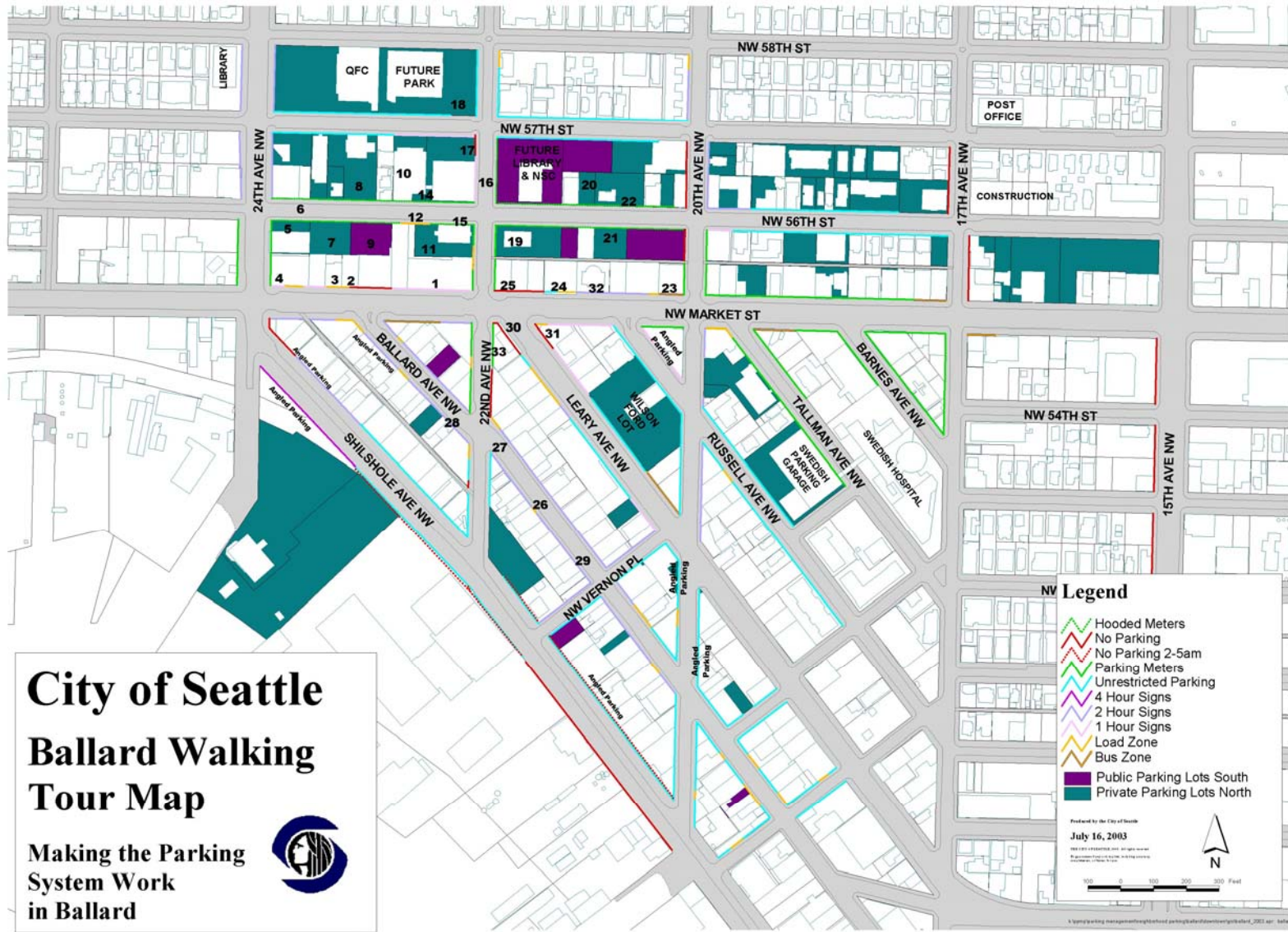
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Downtown Ballard Parking Workgroup members met at The Great Harvest Bread Company on Market St. and followed a circuitous route that included NW Market Street, 24th Avenue NW, NW 56th Street, 20th Avenue NW, 22nd Avenue NW, Ballard Ave NW, NW Vernon Place, and Leary Ave NW.

Walking tour attendees identified problems and opportunities shown on the attached pages. The numbers corresponding to each opportunity are shown in the Downtown Ballard Walking Tour Map on the reverse side of this sheet.

Parking Workgroup members unable to attend the Walking Tour were mailed a map and comment sheet and asked to identify opportunities and problems within their neighborhoods. The comments received to date have been incorporated into the Walking Tour List.

DOWNTOWN BALLARD WALKING TOUR MAP



WALKING TOUR LIST OF PROBLEMS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Map #	Problem, Information and/or Opportunity
1	Install all 2-hour metered parking adjacent to appropriate land uses. Support was expressed for pay stations to be installed in currently non-metered locations in the future.
2	Consolidate load zones where appropriate, ensuring there is adequate load/unload facilities for those without truck plates. Each load zone on Market Ave. was carefully negotiated through the Market Ave. project. Discuss the needs of FedEx and UPS.
3	Convert load zone at 2242 NW Market Ave (Annabelle's Antiques and Best Regards) to a 15 or 30 minute meter. This space is not currently being used for truck load/unload, but for short-term pull-in parking.
4	Trade: Turn the load zone outside Kitchens 'N Things into a parking space and convert the first meter around corner on 24th to 30-minute load/unload zone.
5	The lot behind Classic Consignments is rarely full. Look for opportunities to share with adjacent uses.
6	Remove the grey meter hoods on NW 56th Street. The grey is confusing to customers. Additionally, third-party operators have begun assuming administration of off-street lots, so there is demand for parking. By removing the hoods, the turnover will improve in the on-street spaces, leaving the off-street spaces to be used for longer term parking.
7	The lots between Classic Consignment and Ballard Square are well-used, well-managed lots with coveted leased parking. Both lots serve the Ballard Health Club and Swedish Hospital, who are tenants of the same landlord in the Ballard Building.
8	The parking lot at the Viking Community Bank at 2237 NW 57th Street is shared informally with the Sons of Norway and Lief Erickson. Some spaces are leased on a monthly basis.
9	The Ballard Square lot has recently been converted to paid parking operated by Republic. This lot used to be free. The building is hurting for non-parking reasons.
10	Work with Joanne Fabrics to re-open the 26 covered parking spaces for lease by area employees. The property is leased to JoAnne Fabrics by Bud and Barry Holley, who are not opposed to the parking being used.
11	The Washington Mutual lot has 13 spaces dedicated to use by tenants of the Ballard Building. The bank's own spaces are shared with the Ballard Health Club.
12	Convert the Load zone behind the Gob Shop, True Blue Tattoo Parlor and the Dollar Store to a metered parking space.
13	Investigate whether space adjacent to the curb-cut at JoAnne Fabrics is long enough to be formalized. If not, paint yellow to prohibit parking.
14	Formalize the space adjacent to Bartells and JoAnn Fabrics.
15	An additional Load Zone could be used on NW 56th St. for WaMu.
16	Maintain the 1-hour spaces adjacent to the Bartells Pharmacy. They seem to be working well for the short-term parking needs in this location. Install meters on 22nd Ave. NW on both sides of the street, including adjacent to the new Library/NSC.
17	Investigate reason for red-painted curb in location on 22nd Ave. NW south of NW 57th St. It is possible to use this as a parking space?
18	At the Ballard Municipal Center Park, place an adequate number of disabled placard-only parking spaces at the corners. Install parking meters along NW 57th Street.
19	The bank lot has recently become 3rd party operated.
20	Ballard Parking operates this lot through a permit system.
21	Washington Federal manages the lot through a permit system and has one of the last lots not managed by a 3rd party operator.

- 22 "Steve's secret spot" between the Bank of America drive-through and the Happy Land Fast Food and Cafe. Formalize or eliminate the space located between two driveways.
- 23 Investigate if there is a better use of the load zone in front of Bank of America, which is only used for ATM business.
- 24 Investigate whether cars are eligible for truck-delivery papers to use commercial-only load zones.
- 25 Angle the stop-light at NW Market St. and 22nd Ave. NW (for e/b traffic) to make it possible to extend the load zone to the east.
- 26 Investigate whether Ballard Ave. is sufficiently wide for both angled and parallel parking (on one side of the street each) south of 22nd Ave. NW.
- 27 Install meters along Ballard Avenue from NW Market St. to 20th Ave. NW, to mirror the increase in ground floor retail.
- 28 On Ballard Avenue, north of 22nd Ave NW, trade the sides of the street on which angled and parallel parking are located to improve drainage on the block. The block's lowest point is in front of the pizza place and the front tires of cars act as dams.
- 29 Establish an RPZ for mixed-use areas.
- 30 Repaint the curb to clearly convey "no parking." Investigate whether the Bergen Park Place plan involves cutting back the curb to create additional parking spaces.
- 31 Reinstall parking restriction signs adjacent to Subway. R. Mattson submitted work order to SDOT week of 6/16/03
- 32 SDOT installed a 3-minute passenger load zone from 11 am to 11 pm for Carnegie's at 2040 NW Market. Investigate changing to a regular spot from 8 to 6pm and then PLZ after 6 pm.
- 33 Meet with Parks to discuss parking impacts from Bergen Place reconstruction.